Riley County aTa Bus to receive ARRA grant funds

The Riley County Area Transportation Agency (aTa Bus) will receive approximately $2 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant funds to design and construct a bus maintenance and administration facility.

The Kansas Department of Transportation announced today it had selected the Riley County aTa Bus to receive the federal recovery funds. The non-profit agency, which works in partnership with Riley County and the city of Manhattan, has been in operation since 1976.

KDOT has identified aTa Bus as the lead agency in a Flint Hills regional transit approach.

“Development of regionally-based rural transit models that provide greater access to consumers of transit services and at the same time maximize scarce resources statewide is vital to the future of public transit in Kansas,” said Lisa Koch, KDOT Public Transit Manager.
The regional transit approach will require that aTa Bus has the office space to provide regional dispatching and ample maintenance bays for providers in a seven county area.

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